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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph **[0047]**, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0047] Figure 4 illustrates a medical device according to the present invention, wherein the needle assembly is in a second extended position in which the inner hollow needle member 18 is extended a second length 92. The second length 92 of the second extended position is longer than the first length 90 of the first extended position. After locking the first grippable cap member 34 onto directional nipple 30 on leur lock 24 and thereby establishing the first extended position, the administering physician may apply pressure in the distal direction on the second grippable cap member 36 to further extend the inner hollow needle member 18 to the second extended position. The proximal end of the stylet 20 is coupled to the second grippable cap member 36. Accordingly, as the second grippable cap member 36 is moved in the distal direction, the stylet 20 also moves in the distal direction. The distal end of the stylet 20 is attached to the proximal end of the inner hollow needle member 18, as described above. Thus, as the second ~~first~~ grippable cap member 36 [[34]] is moved in the distal direction, the inner hollow needle member 18 is further extended in the distal direction. Additionally, a biasing force is created between the proximal end 54 of tip 14 and the hub 58 (or the optional O-ring 60), thereby causing the spring member 84 (including the first and/or second spring sections) to compress as the medical device progresses from the first extended position to the second extended position. For purposes of clarity, Figs. 4 and 8 illustrate the second spring section 70 in a partially compressed state. Preferably, however, upon extension of the device to the second extended position, the second spring section 70 is fully compressed and may have a wavelength that is the same as first spring section 66. The physician optionally may lock the second grippable cap member 36 to the secondary nipple 32 on first grippable cap member 34 by turning the second grippable cap member 36 about its

axis while applying pressure in the distal direction. By so doing, the threaded internal section, not shown, of the second grippable cap member 36 may be lockingly engaged with secondary directional nipple 32 on first grippable cap member 34. If desired, the administering physician may repeatedly move the second grippable cap member 36 reciprocally between the first and second extended positions. By operating the device in this manner, the needle can shear tissue from a patient's target site, and the physician may apply a suction with the aspirating device to obtain a desirable biopsy sample.